

MAN DIES FROM KNOCKOUT DROPS

"Boston Frank" Victim of Experiment Tried by Friend Who Planned to Give Dose to Two Strangers with Money.

FIVE MEN AND ONE
WOMAN UNDER ARREST.

Stephen Martos Charged with Putting Opium in Beer and Administering Mixture—Victim Succumbs in Dance Hall.

The death of a man known as "Boston Frank" in a dance hall at No. 147 Attorney street last night was the result of what might be termed a "knock-out drop rehearsal." A gang with which this man associated had arranged to rob two strangers by means of knockout drops, but none of them was familiar with how the poison should be used. They experimented by putting a quantity of the stuff in beer served to "Boston Frank" and a man named Joseph Janish, with the result that "Boston Frank" died quite promptly, while Janish is recovering slowly in Bellevue Hospital.

Stephen Martos, of No. 216 Second street, is under arrest, charged with having directed the rehearsal and directly administering the poison. Peter Davis, of No. 135 East Thirtieth street, admits that he purchased the stuff, a quantity of opium, from a Chinaman in a restaurant in Third avenue, near Twelfth street. Others under arrest are Annie Kriestack, of No. 135 East Thirtieth street; Frank Givinski, of No. 130 Ridge street; Joe Joli, of No. 113 East Sixteenth street; Janish, the man in the hospital, and Charles Lipman, of No. 61 Rivington street.

Displayed Great Rolls of Bills. Detectives of the Union Market precinct say that all these persons were habitués of the Attorney street dance hall, which is run by a man named Herman Wasser. Recently two men have been spending a lot of money in the place and displaying great rolls of wealth. They were expensive jewelry and were not averse to admitting that they were real sports.

The gang determined to rob these strangers, but they were husky persons and not likely to submit to coarse methods of physical intimidation. It was thought best to subdue them with knockout drops, about which all of those yearning for the wealth of the two had heard.

None of them ever had used knockout drops and discreet inquiries among their acquaintances did not bring to light any one who could tell them how much of a dose should be utilized to be effective and still allow the victim to recover. At last it was determined to try an experiment.

Unknown to themselves "Boston Frank" and Joe Janish were picked out as the subjects of the trial. They were in the room of Annie Kriestack last night, drinking beer with the woman, Davis, Martos and the other members of the gang, when Martos decided that the time had arrived for the rehearsal. He sent Davis to the restaurant to buy a quantity of opium, not knowing that the poison used by experts in the art of administering knockout drops is chloral.

Put Opium in Pal's Beer. Davis got a good-sized bottle of opium in liquid form and also a can of beer. Martos spilled about half the contents of the bottle into a glass of beer, which he handed to "Boston Frank," and about half the remainder into a glass he handed to Janish. The effects of the two doses were to govern them in administering the poison to the moneyed strangers later on at the dance hall. Immediately after drinking the beer

the whole crowd went to the Attorney street place. "Boston Frank" became very sleepy on the way, and soon after reaching the dance hall lapsed into unconsciousness. Janish, too, began to show the effects of the drug. Supposing that the result would be that usual to the administration of knockout drops and that "Boston Frank" would soon recover his senses, the gang paid little attention to him and Janish. When he began to breathe stertorously they carried him into an ante-room and strangled him out on the floor. After a time it became necessary to do the same with Janish.

Members of Gang Arrested. When the men showed no signs of recovery Wasser, the dance hall proprietor, became alarmed and notified a policeman, who sent an ambulance call to Bellevue Hospital. Dr. Braines, the ambulance surgeon, said that "Boston Frank" was beyond hope, but by heroic work he managed to revive Janish.

Detectives Underhill, Adams and Scott were put to work on the case. From what Janish told them, they gathered an outline of the true state of affairs, and in a few hours had all the members of the gang under arrest. Then Davis confessed to buying the poison and seeing Martos administer it. Others gave corroborative evidence, and a charge of homicide was preferred against Martos.

The whole crowd was taken to Headquarters from Union Market Station, and later all were arraigned in Essex Market Court.

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